

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
UNIVERSITY SENATE - 4/1/66

The seventh meeting of the 1965/66 session of the University Senate was called to order at 2:15 p.m. April 1, 1966, Professor Stevens, Chairman of the Executive Committee, presiding in the absence of President Elliott and Dean of Faculties, John A. Brown, Jr.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as distributed.

The first item on the agenda was the Report of the Student Council. Mr. Richard Harrison, President, presented the report, (a copy of which is attached for Senate members) On motion made by Professor Kraus, seconded by Professor Finan, the Senate unanimously commended Mr. Harrison for his thoughtful and provocative report. After general discussion of some of the matters contained in the report and a motion by Professor Heller that "the Senate go on record stating its view that there is no existing rule in the University which limits a student's cuts to one per credit hour," (which was not seconded), it was the sense of the Senate that the various parts of the report would be assigned to various Senate Committees for consideration, and the Student Council would be advised of any steps taken as quickly as possible. Mr. Harrison then retired from the meeting.

The annual report of the Educational Policy Committee was presented by Professor Kraus, Chairman. The report covered four major items, namely: 1) CGS and the War Colleges, 2) School of Government, Business and International Affairs: School of Public and International Affairs - School of Government and Business Administration, 3) a new honors program, 4) report of the Academic Survey (Columbian College). After various comments from Dean Linton with reference to the honors program as here suggested and its relationship to a previous honors program suggested by Columbian College, remarks by Professor Merriman regarding the proposed reading program, Professor Naeser's request for clarification of the term "experimental basis" with regard to the proposed reading program, and remarks by Professor Brewer in support of the University's War College programs, it was the sense of the Senate that the rules should not be suspended at this time to consider the two resolutions attached to this report.

The report of the Committee on Public Ceremonies was presented by Professor Stallings with two resolutions appended. At the request of Professor Stallings that the rules be suspended to allow Senate action on the first resolution, Professor Sharkey, seconded by Professor St. Cyr, moved that the rules be so suspended. Resolution #1 (65-17) quoted below:

A RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND
MORNING COMMENCEMENT 65/17

Whereas the Committee on Public Ceremonies deems the present schedule of graduation events taxing to all concerned,

Be it resolved by the University Senate of The George Washington University

that a recommendation be made that Commencement Exercises be held in the morning following the day of Baccalaureate.

was discussed, voted upon, and defeated.

Resolution #2 "A Resolution to Establish a Committee on Honors of the University Senate" was discussed at some length and will remain with the report for consideration by the next session's Committee on Public Ceremonies.

The Report of the University Objectives Committee was presented by Professor Reesing, Chairman. This report outlined several important matters about which the Committee felt very much encouraged: 1) Salary raises, 2) Adoption of a reasonable teaching load, 3) decentralization of administrative procedures, 4) better timing of the next budget presentation, 5) no moratorium on new faculty positions, 6) better use of part-time instructors, 7) the search for new funds through alumni contributions, foundation grants, and business and government resources. The Resolution to Encourage a Sesquicentennial Fund-Raising Campaign will remain with the report for subsequent consideration by the next session's Committee on University Objectives.

The Report of the Nominating Committee to propose a slate for the election of an Executive Committee for the 1966/67 session of the Senate was presented by Professor Merriman, Chairman. In view of the change in date of the April meeting and the dates of the elections to the Senate by the various schools and colleges, Professor Merriman requested that the presentation of the Committee's slate be postponed to a Special Meeting of the University Senate and it was so agreed.

On motion made by Professor Kraus and seconded, the Annual Reports of the Committees, without resolutions, were postponed to a Special Meeting.

Professor Stevens reported on the Selection of a Student Speaker for the June Commencement. He pointed out that an opportunity would be offered to the top five students in each undergraduate school for this honor. The audition will be held at a time to be agreed upon and will be judged by the outgoing and incoming Executive Committee members and by three members of the Student Council, with the assistance of members of the Speech Department.

Professor Merriman moved that a Special Meeting of the University Senate be held on Friday, April 22nd at 2:20 p.m. The motion was seconded and carried. Professor Kraus moved that the Educational Policy Report be again scheduled on the agenda, and that the rules be suspended to consider the resolutions attached to this report, and without objection it was so agreed.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:03 p.m.

FREDERICK R. HOUSER
SECRETARY

A RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION
TO THE COLLEGE OF GENERAL
STUDIES 65/16

After having concerned itself with the current efforts to review the work of the College of General Studies, the Senate Committee on Educational Policy wishes to express its satisfaction with the significant efforts which are being made under the present leadership of CGS to strengthen the academic quality of its program and to relate its work more effectively to the University at large.

We note especially the efforts made to develop closer relations with the University Departments than in the past. We welcome the continuing review of instructors and their qualifications, the tightening-up of selection procedures and of admission standards for students. We express our strong support for the elimination of any programs, especially in outlying areas, hampered by the inadequacy of library facilities or the lack of well-qualified faculty. The continuation of such programs would be clearly incompatible with the professed goals of the University. In the light of these considerations, the phasing out of the Tidewater area programs (which we understand has been decided) has our strong support.

Much remains to be done. Among the pressing tasks on the agenda which can hardly be delayed is a constructive reexamination of the academic programs offered by this University at the several War Colleges. This is an area in which academic programs are closely linked with the public service. Hence both academic and public needs require the most scrupulous discharge of our responsibilities in this unique relationship.

BE IT RESOLVED, therefore, that the University Senate commends the College of General Studies for its current efforts to promote academic standards and urges that it carry on a continuing review of programs and standards.

Educational Policy Committee
University Senate
#65-16
9 March, 1966



THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20006

UNIVERSITY SENATE

A RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION AND APPRECIATION TO THE PLANNERS AND PARTICIPANTS IN MARTHA'S MARATHON 65/15

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Whereas, the Martha's Marathon Auction was a spirited demonstration of responsible and constructive student participation in University improvement, and

Whereas, those who conceived and executed the plan have presented an excellent example of the dynamic forces for improvement that can be marshalled by effective leadership,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the University Senate expresses its appreciation to Chairman Judy Wanger and the resident assistants, Chairman Susan Yeager and the Intra Residence Hall Council, and all the others who planned and participated in the event, and highly commends them for setting an example of constructive action for improvement of the University.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be sent to the named persons and groups.

The University Senate
March 11, 1966

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A RESOLUTION FOR AMENDING THE RETIREMENT PROVISIONS OF THE CODE
AND ORDINANCES AND CHANGING OTHER RETIREMENT PRACTICES AT THE
GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

(65/14)

Be it resolved by the University Senate of The George Washington
University:

- (1) The mandatory retirement age be raised from 65 to 70,
- (2) Persons over 65 shall not be eligible to hold departmental chairmanships,
- (3) Voluntary retirement at any age from 65 to 70 be permitted, with retiree entitled to all of the benefits and perquisites applicable to other retirees,
- (4) Upon mutual agreement it shall be possible to arrange for limited or part-time service during the period from age 65 to 70, as individual situations indicate,
- (5) Forced retirement before age 70 shall be possible, but only in justified cases,
- (6) TIAA-CREF contracts be left as at present, with University contribution ceasing after age 65 and optional extension on part of faculty member,
- (7) Extension of major medical and group life insurance to date of retirement. (The savings effected by discontinuance of TIAA payments at 65 would meet added cost to the University of this provision.)

A RESOLUTION FOR INCREASING THE PAST SERVICE
BENEFIT INCOME OF RETIRED FACULTY

65/13

Be it resolved by the University Senate of The George Washington
University:

The Senate urges the President and the Board
of Trustees to proceed immediately and generously
to increase the Past Service Benefit and to take
all other measures necessary to secure for retired
faculty and their widows a retirement income in
keeping with the increased cost of living.

A Resolution Commending The Administration On
Its Actions During 1965 - 1966
To Improve The Physical Facilities Of
The George Washington University

(66)

Be it Resolved by the University Senate of The George Washington University That

The Administration of the University is commended for its recognition of the great needs of the University for additional physical facilities and for its positive action in the year 1965 - 1966 toward obtaining a substantial number of buildings which will meet a portion of those needs.

A RESOLUTION TO GRANT VOTING PRIVILEGES TO MEMBERS OF THE
STUDENT LIAISON COMMITTEE PARTICIPATING IN MEETINGS OF
THE SENATE STUDENT-FACULTY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

(66/april)

Whereas the Senate Committee on Student-Faculty Relations has in practice found the members of the Student-Faculty Liaison Committee appointed by the Student Council to be responsible and responsive two-way channels of communications with the student body, and

Whereas these two committees do in practice hold joint meetings on most matters of common interest, and

Whereas such joint meetings have engendered many useful results for the university community, and

Whereas the members of the Senate Committee on Student-Faculty Relations deem it both equitable and useful to grant a vote to members of the Student-Faculty Liaison Committee participating in joint meetings,

Be it resolved by the University Senate of The George Washington University

that members of the Student-Faculty Liaison Committee participating in joint meetings with the Senate Committee on Student-Faculty Relations shall hereafter be permitted to vote on matters presented for a vote at such meetings.